

**ANN MCGOWAN PORATH**  
THE TRUSTEES' AWARD

Ann received this award for outstanding service to the Cleveland Bar Association and the community.

Ann has been a staff lawyer at Cleveland Legal Aid and is currently director of intake and referral.

Ann has a passion for the mission of Legal Aid: to provide access to the highest quality legal services to those in our community who cannot afford them.

Through her commitment, she has played a major role in developing the neighborhood Brief Advice and Referral Clinics and evening specialty clinics that are staffed by volunteer attorneys mentored by Legal Aid lawyers. The clinics have grown in number and scope in the two years since their start, serving hundreds and hundreds of Cleveland's poor at sites throughout the city. Ann is a great resource for the volunteer attorneys, offering inspiration, encouragement and support, as they provide pro bono service through Legal Aid's Volunteer Lawyers Program.

Ann has been an active member of the Cleveland Bar Association, serving on the Justice For All Committee. She is the Volunteer Lawyers Program liaison for participants from Our Commitment to Our Community, communicating about opportunities for service and support for volunteers. She also coordinates Legal Aid clinics on Volunteer Day as part of this annual "done in a day" service event. She supports other JFA initiatives, including Books For Kids and the 3Rs



**DEBORAH A. COLEMAN**  
WILLIAM K. THOMAS  
PROFESSIONALISM AWARD

Deborah received this award in recognition of outstanding commitment and contribution to the enhancement of professionalism and ethics in the Greater Cleveland legal community.

Deborah has an impressive record of volunteer service to the profession and to the community. She is a past chair of the ABA Standing Committee on Ethics, the Ohio Supreme Court's Task Force on the Rules of Professional Conduct and the Cleveland Bar Association's Professional Ethics Committee. She is a force behind the creation of the Judicial Candidates Ratings Coalition and has been involved on the CBA's Judicial Selection Committee for years, now serving as chair.

She is a one of the founders of City Year Cleveland; a member of the board of the Jewish Community Federation of Cleveland and the Cleveland Jewish News; and a reading tutor at Buhner Elementary School in Cleveland



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